

June 2020



## Climbing the Ranks



Last month, Elizabeth Smith was awarded the position of Director of Finance and Administration with Temora Shire Council.

Mrs Smith has been employed by Council for 15 years as an accountant and has now taken over the top job from Steve Firth who retired recently after his 18 year stint in the role.

Mrs Smith, a born and bred local of Temora Shire, is excited to take on the challenge of supporting Council with her expertise and dedication.

Having started out with an accounting firm in Wagga whilst attending Charles Sturt University, Mrs Smith also worked for two years at Junee Shire Council before meeting her husband and returning to Temora to work with Temora Shire Council and raise her family.

In her new status as Director, she will move away from the hands-on style of her accounting role to embrace a more managerial position, overseeing the accounting, business services, economic development, tourism, community services and administration departments of Council. Mrs Smith's new position also involves the supervision of Pinnacle Community Services and the Library.

"There is something truly special about the Temora Shire Community," said Mrs Smith. "I love that people look out for each other and have each other's back. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else".

Mrs Smith will begin in her new role immediately and Council are now on the lookout for a new accountant to fill some very big shoes.

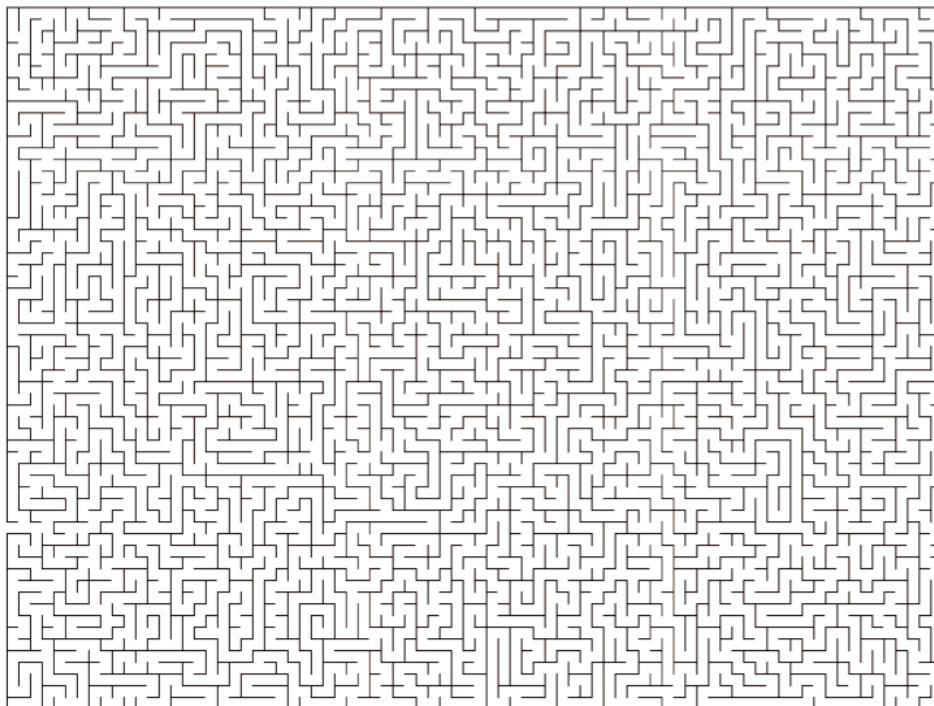
## Puzzle Page - Cryptograph

Work out the message from the Mayor by finding what letters are represented by each number.

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## Maze

Find your way from left to right in our maze



## Word Tiles

Unscramble the tiles to make a phrase about Temora Shire

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# THE NARRABURRA NEWS

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The Narraburra Church

## Who is buried there?

If you're a bit of a history buff you probably enjoy wandering through old cemeteries. Have you ever wondered, though, how you find out who is buried in the unmarked graves?

The Friends of Temora Shire Cemeteries (FOTSC) meet every Wednesday morning from around 8am where they tend to tree pruning, filling in sink holes, installing row markers, weed spraying, research, gardening, tidying and making plinths and crosses for unmarked graves.

The cemeteries located within the Temora Shire now form part of a new Geographical Systems Information (GIS) database. Every internment has been spatially mapped within this system, and makes navigating burial locations within the cemetery much easier.

The program, which was conducted by Council's Engineering Department, includes mapping of the following cemeteries:

- Temora Cemetery (including the Lawn Cemetery, New Monumental Cemetery, Old Monumental Cemetery, Columbarium Wall and Memorial Wall)
- Ariah Park Cemetery (including the Lawn Cemetery, Old Monumental Cemetery, Columbarium Wall and Memorial Wall)
- Trundle Hall Cemetery
- Rural Lone Graves

The project required surveying every individual grave in order to pick up the GPS coordinates of each plot. A photo of every headstone was then captured to be added to the database. This new data was linked to the existing cemetery database to provide a more powerful search system that automatically zooms to the plot location and provides all burial details, including a photo of the headstone.

The project aims to assist family history researches to find

information from afar. It will also greatly assist those who wish to visit grave sites, making it easy to visually locate burial locations, especially in the older cemetery portions where records aren't as comprehensive as more recent burials.

Hundreds of unmarked graves have been located and marked by the FOTSC over the years. This aspect of the group's work is very rewarding for its members, especially when it relates to a child's grave.

"Family members being unable to find the grave of their relatives can be quite sad, but when the FOTSC is able to locate a grave family members are so grateful," said a FOTSC representative. "Sadly we don't always have success, especially with graves that date back to the 19th Century, but we do what we can."

The new project, though, aims to maximise the amount of unmarked graves to become marked.

**Merryl Graham is the point of contact for the Friends of Temora Shire Cemeteries. You can contact her on:**

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## DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM UPDATE

THE wider world may have stood still for the past few months but there is plenty going on around the Shire thanks to the Drought Communities Program, a Federal Government economic stimulus package that allows local community infrastructure to be upgraded, renovated or repaired.

Initiative began back in February and residents are now seeing the results of the initiative with \$1 million worth of initiatives underway in our Shire.

The package has included repairs and/or upgrades to:

- Ariah Park Memorial Hall (\$25,000)
- Springdale Hall (\$25,000)
- Coolamon St upgrade Ariah Park (\$200,000)
- Arts Precinct fence and building (\$59,000)
- Temora Showground internal road re-sealing (\$10,000)
- Temora Showground (\$90,000)
- Ariah Park Showground (\$11,415)
- Ariah Park Rec Ground Dump Point (\$30,500)
- Ariah Park Railway Station (\$5,000)
- Bectric Hall (\$23,720)
- Narraburra Church Hall (\$34,510)
- Temora Salvation Army Church Hall (\$1,100)
- Temora Uniting Church Hall (\$4,136)
- Temora Presbyterian Church Hall (\$12,212)
- Temora Lutheran Parish Hall (\$28,935)

- Sacred Heart Parish Hall (\$43,816)
- Ariah Park Pool (\$25,000)
- Ariah Park Rec Ground kiosk (\$48,000)
- Ariah Park Skate Park \$10,000)
- Ariah Park-Mirrool senior housing landscaping (\$15,000)
- Camp St tree planting (\$20,280)
- Apollo Place fencing (\$35,000)
- Airport security fencing (\$40,000)
- Lake Centenary (\$10,000)
- Bundawarrah Rd (\$35,000)
- TAIC irrigation lines supply and installation (\$66,000)

\$5,000 was also granted for community events, but these are currently on hold during Covid-19 government restrictions.

"Deputy Prime Minister McCormack is a great friend of Temora Shire and we are grateful for his consistent and solid support in granting these funds and in his every day capacity as our Member for Riverina," said the Mayor of Temora Shire, Cr Rick Firman.

The Narraburra Church was decommissioned back in 2018 and local farming families rallied together to purchase the building as a community asset. Families were invited to contribute funds towards the purchase and refurbishment of the church building. It now represents a place for Narraburra families and the wider community to come together to

celebrate. "The Drought Funding, as well as a donation from the Morangarell/Grogan Bushfire Brigade and a Temora Shire Council Heritage grant, has allowed us to carry out minor roof repairs, guttering and other plumbing works, replace timber work that had termite damage, resealing and painting of outside windows and other trims, gyprock replacement, repainting the outside of the building, installation of a small kitchen, a new toilet block, new water tanks, new covered outdoor area, the clearing of weeds and overgrown trees and general garden maintenance," explains Narraburra resident, Narelle Williams.

"We envisage a fundraising event every year to pay for ongoing costs of maintenance, electricity, rates and insurance – the first was meant to be a pop-up-pub in April (now postponed indefinitely). We hope that people will hire out the venue for various purposes and contributors are able to use the building for family and private functions once a year without cost. It will be a place where community events can take place," she said.

Work on the Narraburra Church site is almost complete and the upgrades have employed a number of local trades and suppliers such as Mick Callaghan, Killer Constructions, Speed's Rural Contracting, Dean Guymer Plumbing, Cleverdon's Steel, Pike's Concreting, and Dallas McKelvie Electrical.



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Shire Council





## \$310 Million for Drought Affected Farmers

LOCAL farmers and communities in the Cootamundra electorate will continue to receive vital drought assistance with the NSW Government providing a \$310 million boost to the Emergency Drought Relief Package.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke said that this crucial funding will ease the financial burden on regional communities caused by the drought.

Ms Cooke said many communities in the Cootamundra electorate have done it tough, having fought destructive bushfires, endured a long, hot summer and COVID-19 restrictions, but the NSW Government are determined to help farmers make it out of the worst drought in recorded history.

"My message to everyone in the Cootamundra electorate is that you have not been forgotten and I am determined to continue supporting our regional communities until the drought is well and truly behind us," Ms Cooke said.

"This funding boost provides the certainty our communities, small

businesses and farmers need to make important stock and business decisions this winter."

### Support available to drought affected communities and farmers includes;

- \$116 million to continue the Drought Transport subsidy
- \$99 million to continue waiving of Local Land Services rates, bee site permits, Western Lands lease rent, wild dog fence rates and provide assistance for vehicle registration costs for eligible primary producers
- \$28.5 million to continue existing water licence fee waivers for stock, domestic, general and high security water users
- Continuation of health and wellbeing programs, including the Farmgate Counsellors program, Aboriginal wellbeing services and Royal Flying Doctors Far West Drought Support programs.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said renewing current

support measures will go a long way to supporting drought affected communities in the Cootamundra electorate to get back on their feet.

"I'm all too aware that some of the drought affected communities in the Cootamundra electorate feel like they have been forgotten due to the bushfires and COVID-19, and that rain in recent months may have left some people in the city with the impression that the drought is over," Mr Barilaro said.

"The rain has helped and conditions are easing but we haven't quite reached the recovery stage yet, which is why the NSW Government is again extending these emergency drought measures, taking our total investment to more than \$2 billion, to help farmers through winter."

Primary producers and small businesses already receiving support payments, subsidies, waivers and fee relief from the Emergency Drought Relief Package do not have to reapply.

**For a full list of drought support measures, go to:**  
**[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/droughthub](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/droughthub) and [www.nsw.gov.au/drought-in-nsw](http://www.nsw.gov.au/drought-in-nsw).**

## Plug your business

TO complement the already successful Facebook group "Find it in Temora" Temora Business Enterprise Group (TBEG) has started a new Facebook group – Plug it in Temora.

Plug it in Temora is a space for local businesses to advertise their products and services to the members of the group who are Temora Shire residents. The group is open to any local businesses, not just TBEG members, and allows each business to advertise on the page once a week.

"During the COVID-19 restrictions we noticed a remarkable increase in local businesses wanting to advertise their services in the Find it in Temora page but the rules of the page are quite explicit in saying there is to be no blatant advertising. So, we decided to provide a new space for just that reason," says

TBEG Executive Officer, Rob Heinrich.

"All people have to do is search for the page, Plug it in Temora, and ask to join. We ask each member to read the pinned post to understand the rules of the group before making the most of the platform."

Businesses big and small can benefit from the group whether it be to launch a new business, product or service, to promote a special offer, or to announce changes to operating hours.

Members are asked to interact with the business advertisements to make the most of the platform.

"Like, share and comment on posts you find engaging – it's one of the best ways for individuals to support local businesses now, and in the future," Mr Heinrich says.

## CAREERS FOR YOUNG LOCALS

TEMORA Shire Council is determined to provide opportunities for the younger members of our community where possible.

Every year, Temora Shire Council offers at least one traineeship in administration, and in 2020 has also offered two other opportunities to give some of our younger community members a leg-up in their careers through an engineering cadetship and traineeship.

Lucy Holland joined the administration team in December 2019 for a year-long traineeship in which time she will gain on-the-job experience whilst completing a Certificate III in Business Administration.

"I wanted a gap year after completing the HSC and this position allowed me to stay in the Temora Shire, earn some money and gain skills, whilst working with a fantastic team," Lucy said.

"I plan on studying law, engineering or performing arts at university next year and this position allows me to take the time to make the important decision about what direction I want my career to go in."

Lucy says she enjoys the atmosphere of working with Temora Shire Council's administration team where she spends her days handling customer service queries over the phone and at the counter, supporting other members of the administration team and reconciling the daily takings, amongst other things.

At the beginning of his two-year engineering traineeship, Clancy Mackey couldn't pass up the opportunity

to jump-start his career in engineering whilst being able to stay in his much loved home town.

"It's a broad position in which I can find myself doing anything from surveying, design, asset data collection and drainage mapping, amongst other things, and will hopefully lead to a long-standing role within Council or at least in the Temora Shire," Clancy declared.

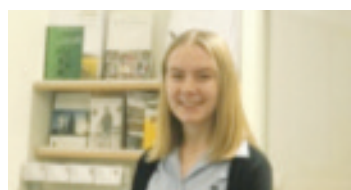
Clancy notes that he enjoys the multifaceted style of work and really enjoys the comradery within the engineering team.

By Clancy's side is Samuel Connelly who gained the role of Engineering Cadet at the beginning of 2020. The four-year cadetship allows Samuel to stay local whilst gaining an Associate Degree in Civil Engineering and earning an income in the process.

"I get to work on a number of different projects, gain a qualification and get hands-on experience in the field that interests me most," Samuel states. "It's the perfect deal and I get to stay in Temora".

Whilst the young people have plenty to gain from these opportunities, it is fair to say that Temora Shire Council gains just as much.

"We currently have a number of permanent staff on our team, in varied roles, who began their journey with us as trainees," said General Manager, Mr Gary Lavelle. "It's fair to say that these opportunities are just as much for our benefit as they are for the young people who take them up."



Lucy Holland



Clancy Mackey

**If you are interested in a career with Temora Shire Council, keep an eye on our website for positions vacant throughout the year.**  
**[www.temora.nsw.gov.au/about-council/jobs.aspx](http://www.temora.nsw.gov.au/about-council/jobs.aspx)**



**Search "Plug it in Temora" on Facebook to join the group or find the link on TBEG's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/TemoraBusinessEnterpriseGroup/](https://www.facebook.com/TemoraBusinessEnterpriseGroup/)**

## LIBRARY 2U

TEMORA SHIRE LIBRARY NOW  
OFFERING DELIVERY OF ITEMS

EVERY WEDNESDAY

please phone library staff on

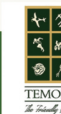
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EVERY TIME

you would like a delivery

- 1 - phone the library & request items
- 2 - items will be delivered to your front door, with no contact
- 3 - items strictly to be returned through after hours chute at front of library (we will not be collecting items)
- 4 - takeaway service available for out of town residents ONLY (if you are sick, please do not request items)

ready, set. READ.



## \$27,540 FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Two projects in Temora Shire will benefit from \$27,540 in grants from the NSW Government's 2019 Community Building Partnership Program.

The Temora Rotary Club was granted \$2,540 to purchase a sun shelter, while the Bectric Recreation Reserve Trust will create an undercover BBQ area with \$25,000 from the program.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke said the grants were well deserved by the two groups.

"I am so pleased these projects have secured funding from the Community Building Partnership

program, which is all about developing places and spaces for the whole community," Ms Cooke said.

"The Temora Rotary Club has been serving our community for generations, it is wonderful they will be able to buy this important shelter, and I can't wait to try out the new facilities at the Bectric Reserve. Inadvertently both of these projects will enable that great Aussie pastime; the BBQ! I look forward to joining every one at a sausage sizzle before too long."

Secretary of the Temora Rotary Club Margaret

Fritsch said the grant will make a huge difference to the Club's major fundraising efforts.

"A lot of our work is voluntary - selling tickets at shows and doing BBQs, and our members' health was at risk not having proper shade," Ms Fritsch said.

"We are very, very grateful to have this opportunity to buy our own gazebo."

Now a decade old, the Community Building Partnership program has funded more than 13,800 community projects since it commenced in 2009.

**Applications for the 2020 Program are open now and close on 12 June. For more information about the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership Program, visit [www.nsw.gov.au/cbp](http://www.nsw.gov.au/cbp)**

**PINNACLE**  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

More  
than just  
a meal

## Pinnacle's Meals on Wheels service is now offering a FORTNIGHTLY frozen meal delivery service!!!

Pinnacle Community Services offer a regular frozen meals service to those in the community who are finding it hard to shop for groceries or to cook regular healthy meals.

Our range of frozen meal options and home delivery service gives you the flexibility of healthy eating and maintaining your independence.

- Our meals are tasty, healthy and affordable
- Offering a wide variety of nutritionally balanced mains, soups and desserts
- Fortnightly home delivery service
- Over 50 different menu choices - beef, chicken, pork and seafood
- A convenient and flexible service means you can heat and serve your meal at a time that suits you.

**Ask us about meal options or for a menu and discuss meal costs today!**



*(Meals on Wheels is available to people over the age of 65, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders over the age of 50).*

*For more information contact us at Pinnacle Temora on 6977 1326 Or contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422*

## Appreciation is Appreciated

IT'S always nice to be told you are doing a good job and Council was thrilled recently to receive a letter from Mrs Helena Reinhold in appreciation of our household rubbish pick up.

The letter reads:

*To whom it may concern,  
I would like to thank the Temora Shire Council for providing the household rubbish pick up, which is such a great help to older residents who are not able to*

*dispose of heavy items.*

*A big thank you also, to your council workers who did a marvellous job with the pickup. They did it very efficiently, and left everything very clean on the footpath. It was very much appreciated. Thank you.*

*Yours,  
Mrs Helena Reinhold*

Thank you, Mrs Reinhold. We are thrilled to be able to offer a service that is useful and valued. Thank you for your feedback.

## What's In A Name?

HAVE you ever wondered about the origin of your street name or a local park?

Many locations don't have the surname of families still living in the region, but other names are a little more cryptic.

This year we will delve deeper into the names we see on signposts across the Shire in our series "What's in a Name?"

Each month we are looking at themes under which our streets and parks have been named. In our fourth edition we

explore the names that pay homage to our gold mining past:

- Bloomfield Street – George Bloomfield discovered a small patch of payable gold in shallow ground at Temora in January 1880. The street was later renamed "Hoskins Street".
- DeBoos Street – Charles Edward DeBoos was the first resident Mining Warden and Police Magistrate on the

- Temora Goldfield – Deutscher Street – Augustus Ludig Deutscher owned the property "Red Hill" where Temora's alluvial goldfield was located
- Quartz Street – a reference to the prized stone
- Sharpe Street – Earnest Augustine Lambie Sharpe M.A. Police Magistrate at Forbes and acting Warden in charge of the Temora goldfield August – December 1880